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- 1. Memorandum of Understanding with Spain Nebraska signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Culture, Education, Sports and the Embassy of Spain on May 11, 1999. The goals are to promote cultural and educational relations that are mutually beneficial to Nebraska and Spain, foster knowledge and appreciation of the culture shared by these two global communities, and foster an educational environment which supports students and educators in their continued and future efforts toward personal, academic, and professional success. There are 18 visiting teachers from Spain for the 2002-2003 school year and 3 language/culture assistants. For the 2001-2002 school year there were 16 visiting teachers and 3 language/culture assistants. For the 2000-2001 school year there were 18 visiting teachers and 3 language/culture assistants. And for the first year in 1999-2000 there were 6 visiting teachers and 1 language/culture assistant. In addition to participating in the visiting teacher and language/culture assistant programs, Nebraska teachers have an opportunity to participate in summer institutes held in universities in Spain. The Ministry of Spain has also appointed a Spanish Education Consultant to serve as director for the Spanish Resource Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, assist the Nebraska Department of Education in facilitating the visiting teacher and language/culture assistants programs, promote collaborative efforts to provide exchange opportunities between schools, develop a web site, provide instructional assistance to school districts and professional organizations, and explore new possibilities for exchange and communication.
- 2. <u>Cooperation with Germany</u> Nebraska is in the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Germany to participate in their exchange programs.
- 3. <u>Teacher Exchanges</u> There are numerous exchange programs for teachers and students that provide many opportunities. Some universities have school-to-school agreements, such as Creighton University and the Indian Institute of Technology and the Vinod Gupta School of Management (IIT-VGSOM) at Kharagpur, India.

Many schools participate in programs such as the Association of International Educators (NAFSA) and Fulbright Scholarships.

- 4. <u>Student Exchanges</u> Many universities have school-to-school agreements. For example:
 - Federal University-Piaui, Brazil, Sapporo and Kansai Gaidai Universities-Japan, Deakin and Southern Cross Universities-Australia (UNK)
 - Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico (Concordia University)
 - Consortium of the Bethsaida Excavations Project, Israel (CBEP), Braunschweig Germany, Cuernavaca, Mexico, Quebec Canada, Austrian Exchange Programme, Japanese Studies Exchange Program/Ueno College System (JSEP/UCS) (UNO)

There are many programs for schools to participate in at the secondary school level. Universities and colleges also have many choices of programs, but the most prevalent include the following:

- International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
- American Council for International/Intercultural Education (ACIIE)
- MAUI-Utrecht Network
- American InterContinental University (AIU)
- Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA-Butler)
- International Study Abroad (ISA)
- German American Partnership Program (GAPP)

- 5. <u>Summer Study/Travel Abroad for High School Students</u> Many secondary schools and students participate in a variety of international exchange programs including semester or year programs, summer study abroad trips or summer educational trips. Possibilities for Summer Study Abroad Trips for college students include the following:
 - Universities in England (London, Oxford, Cambridge) (Concordia University)
 - Cultural Institute in Oxaca, Mexico (Chadron State College)
 - Shakespeare Literature, Biology, Costa Rica, Archeological Dig-Middle East, Europe, Teaching English-China(Concordia) (Chadron State College)
 - Greece, Ireland, Israel, Lithuania, France (Creighton University)
 - Spain, Mexico, Germany, Austria, Canada, France, England, Ireland, Russia (Hastings College)
 - Peru, Mexico (Wesleyan University)
- 6. <u>Summer Volunteer Programs</u> Including in Mexico and Nepal (UNK)
- 7. Embassy Internships Germany
- 8. <u>Sister Cities/Schools</u> Omaha has sister city/ school exchanges for both K-12 and universities/colleges with Shizuoka, Japan; Braunschweig, Germany; Siauliai, Lithuania; and Naas, Ireland.

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